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Applicants: Wolff et al.

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PANEL HAVING AN INNER
CARRIER SHEET


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 26, 2007, the Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, Claims 16-34, for examination, with traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between:

Group I, claims 16-34 drawn to a method for producing a trim article for a vehicle.

Group II, claims 35-41, drawn to a trim article for a vehicle.

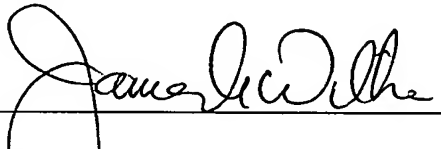
The Commissioner may require restriction if two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in one application (35 U.S.C. § 121). In the present case, although the claimed subject matter may be classified in different classes, the inventions are not independent. Each independent claim 16, 27 and 35 requires "a carrier with a first portion that is gas permeable and foam impermeable and a second portion that is gas impermeable and foam impermeable". The Examiner can perform one search without undue burden.

If the Examiner is aware of another way to make the product as claimed, using a process which is materially different from that set forth in Claims 16-26 and 27-34, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to substantiate his/her position in greater detail. Otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and each of Claims 16-41 presently pending in this application be examined.

Respectfully submitted,

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